

Remarks

Claims 1-16 were presented for examination. Claim 1 has been amended herein. Claims 2-4, 8-9, and 11-16 have been amended as a matter of form to correct a minor error. It is therefore believed that no estoppel results therefrom. New claims 17-20 have been added herein. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections - § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-16 under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Neukermans et al. (USPAP 2002/0011558).

Neukermans does not teach or disclose a handheld multi-function peripheral comprising an operation panel and a scanning channel "wherein the scanning channel is at least partially coextensive with said operation panel" as recited in claim 1 as amended herein and its dependent claims 2-15. Support for the amendment may be found at least in FIG. 2A and FIG. 2B of the present application. Therefore, the rejection based on Neukermans should be withdrawn.

Conclusion


In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney, Kenneth J. Cool, at (720) 227-9445 if there remains any issue with allowance.

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